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# **Basin Planning**

## **About The Basin Plan**

The Water Quality Control Plan for the Colorado River Basin (Basin Plan) is designed to preserve and enhance water quality in the Region and to protect the beneficial uses of all regional waters for the benefit of present and future generations. The Basin Plan contains the Region's beneficial uses for ground and surface waters, water quality objectives to protect beneficial uses, and implementation programs to achieve water quality objectives. The Basin Plan fulfills state and federal statutory requirements for water quality planning, thereby preserving and protecting ground and surface waters of the Colorado River Basin Region.

### **Triennial Review**

In accordance with state and federal laws, the Regional Water Board is obligated to keep the Region's Basin Plan current and accurate via periodic review and to update it as appropriate. States are required to review their water quality standards at least once every three years – a process known as "triennial review" [33 U.S. Code Section 1313(c)]. The triennial review may result in amendments to the Basin Plan over the course of the three-year review cycle.

#### > 2020 Triennial Review

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- Documents in Spanish | Documentos en Español
  - 25 de Septiembre de 2020 Aviso de Periodo Para Comentarios, Taller, y Audiencia Públicos
  - Lista del Repaso Trienal
- **2017 Triennial Review**
- **2014 Triennial Review**
- 2007 Triennial Review

## Amendments Under Development

- Basin Plan Amendment to Establish Secondary Maximum Contaminant Levels as Groundwater Quality Objectives for Hydrologic **Areas with Municipal and Domestic Supply Beneficial Use**
- Basin Plan Amendment to Update Bacteria Water Quality Objectives for Waters Designated for Water Contact Recreation

## Recent Fully Approved Amendments

- Basin Plan Amendment to Make Editorial Changes that Update Language and Graphics Related to the Salton Sea and Correct **General Errors**
- Basin Plan Amendment to Revise the Septic Tank Discharge Prohibition in the Town Of Yucca Valley
- **Basin Plan Amendment Regarding the Onsite Wastewater Treatment System Implementation Program**
- Basin Plan Amendment to Correct or Update Language, Tables and Figures



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